

## Bingo Bulletin July/August 2000

### Texas Charitable Bingo Quarterly Report Statistics for the First Quarter of 2000 And Comparison of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2000 to 1st Quarter 1999 – Statistics as of 05/14/2000

Category	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 1999	Change
Regular	\$ 95,034,974	\$103,669,118	(\$ 8,634,144)
Electronic	\$ 34,161,843	\$ 27,702,724	\$ 6,459,119
Instant	\$ 24,356,646	\$ 25,907,802	(\$ 1,551,156)
<b>Total Gross Receipts</b>	<b>\$153,553,463</b>	<b>\$157,279,644</b>	<b>(\$ 3,726,181)</b>
Regular Prizes	\$ 88,951,506	\$ 90,860,007	(\$ 1,908,501)
Instant Prizes	\$ 16,907,236	\$ 18,007,364	(\$ 1,100,128)
<b>Total Prizes</b>	<b>\$105,858,742</b>	<b>\$108,867,371</b>	<b>(\$ 3,008,629)</b>
<b>Charitable Distributions</b>	<b>\$ 9,471,529</b>	<b>\$ 10,705,267</b>	<b>(\$ 1,233,738)</b>
Attendance	6,790,458	7,296,635	(506,177)

#### **Personnel Updates - New Auditors in Austin and Dallas**

Please join us in welcoming three new auditors to Charitable Bingo - Michelle Scott in the Dallas Regional Office and B. J. Miller and Jerry Trevino in the Austin office.

B. J. Miller received a B.B.A. in Accounting from Southwest Texas State University. He has eight years of experience working for the State of Texas in the accounting departments of the Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Office of State-Federal Relations, Texas Department of Licensing & Regulations and the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

B. J. says, "Men are from Mars, they say, but I'm from Mason, Texas (pop. 2,100). My hobby is taking it easy and enjoying life, it comes natural for a country boy. I also enjoy sports – basketball, football, and tennis in particular." As to what he enjoys about his new job he says, "The staff in Charitable Bingo make it an enjoyable and fun place to work. It's also nice to work for an agency which regulates an industry that the public enjoys."

Jerry Trevino received a B.B.A. in Accounting from Wayland Baptist University. Jerry is a native of Lubbock, Texas. He previously worked for Norwest Bank for four years and for McLane food distribution for four years.

When asked what he likes most about working in Charitable Bingo he said, "My coworkers, supervisors and the daily challenges I incur everyday which makes everyday different." Jerry's hobbies are road trips. Jerry and his wife are expecting a little bundle of joy around July 9<sup>th</sup>. He says, "I hope it's a July 4<sup>th</sup> baby. My and my wife's families reside in Lubbock so you could say we are the roots of a new family beginning."

## Importance of Keeping Bingo Personnel Records Current

It is important that each organization maintain up-to-date records of individuals on their bingo record. Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.545(g) require the Charitable Bingo Operations division be notified promptly of any changes of individuals on an organization's bingo record. Each year we submit approximately 36,000 names to the Texas Department of Public Safety for background checks at a cost of approximately \$1 per name. On license renewal applications these names are submitted automatically from each organization's bingo record. If an organization's bingo record has not been kept current and there are individuals on the license who are not functioning as directors, officers, operator's and/or workers their names are sent, unnecessarily. The more names we submit to DPS the longer it takes to process the background checks. Unnecessary background checks are expensive both in dollars and time. Records should be updated, as changes occur, not just at renewal time.

The following is the procedure for maintaining current records of individuals outside the renewal application.

- **Election of Officers** – when your organization has an election of officers a *\*Texas Supplement to Bingo License* should be submitted adding any new directors and/or officers.
- **Deletion of Individuals From Bingo Record** – To delete individuals from your bingo record submit a letter indicating the names of the individuals that should be deleted and the positions from which they should be deleted. Many individuals have multiple positions on the bingo record. If you don't tell us what positions from which to delete them we have no way of knowing. The letter must reference the organization name, taxpayer number and be signed by an officer of the organization.
- **Other Changes of Individuals** – anytime during the year there is a change in personnel on your organization's bingo record the same procedure should be followed. If adding operator's and/or workers submit a *Texas Supplement to Bingo License*.
- **Note on Renewals** – you should continue to take care of any deletions and additions of individuals associated with your organization's bingo record that are applicable at the time of your license renewal following the procedures indicated on the renewal application.

If you need information regarding individuals on your organization's bingo record or you have questions please contact us at 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677). If you need a *Texas Supplement to Bingo License* call us or visit our website at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org).

\*There is no charge to submit a *Texas Supplement to Bingo License*.

## New Licenses Issued From February 1, 2000 through May 31, 2000

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>License Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
Merkel Community Chest	Conductor	Merkel
White Rock Community Church	Conductor	Dallas
VFW Post 7426 Thomas Glenn Caraway	Conductor	Farmersville
Red Men Great Council of Texas	Conductor	Waco
Grand Prairie Crime Commission	Conductor	Grand Prairie
Amvets Post 90	Conductor	Gatesville
Historic Waco Foundation	Conductor	Waco
ARC of the Greater Tarrant County	Conductor	Ft. Worth
St. Bernard of Clairvaux School	Conductor	Dallas
Crowell Lions Club	Conductor	Crowell
Knights of Columbus Council 3452	Conductor	Winnie
Lockhart Evening Lions Club of Lockhart	Conductor	Lockhart
Cottonwood Shores Area VFD, Inc.	Conductor	Marble Falls
Oakalla Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Conductor	Okalla
Shrine Bingo Association	Lessor	Amarillo
Lake Kiowa Property Owners Association, Inc.	Lessor	Lake Kiowa
Millennium Games, Inc.	Lessor	Everman
Daughters of America Rainbow Council 20	Lessor	Everman
St. Martin's Columbus Club Bldg. Assn., Inc.	Lessor	Winnie
Hearthstone Country Club, Inc.	Lessor	Houston
Haybarn Bingo Association	Lessor	Converse
Howard Goertz	Lessor	Martindale
Knights of Columbus 7975	Lessor	Martindale

## Upcoming Operator Training Programs

The following is a list of upcoming Operator Training Programs for Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso and Midland/Odessa:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 2, 2000	Bingo Express 3601 N. Loop 289 Lubbock, TX	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
August 9, 2000	VFW Post 4372 208 E. 63 <sup>rd</sup> Odessa, Texas	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
August 12, 2000	Super Bingo 1204 N. Mockingbird Abilene, Texas	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 18, 2000            Lawndale Shopping Center    9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
2253 E. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Amarillo, Texas

August 26, 2000            Sunrise Center #61            9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
8500 Dyer #61  
El Paso, Texas

### **Reminder on Operator Training Program**

Advance notification of upcoming Operator Training Programs is mailed to each organization located in the region in which the programs will be held. The advance notification includes dates, times and location of programs and a certification form. The certification form is to be filled out by each participant certifying they have read the Bingo Enabling Act and Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules.

**Note:** The certification form must be dated prior to the date of the Operator Training Program you are attending. You can register online at our website at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org), or register by telephone by calling: (1) the Austin office at 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677), (2) if registering for the Dallas/Ft. Worth region you may register by calling toll-free to 888-829-0862 or (3) if registering for the Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock or Midland/Odessa programs you can register toll free by calling 888-829-0865. If you need copies of the *Bingo Enabling Act* and/or *Charitable Bingo Administrative Rules* or have questions please call 800-BINGO-77 (246-4677).

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR THE OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM.** Seating is limited. If you don't pre-register there may not be a seat available. At each training program we provide hand-outs and we need to know in advance how many hand-outs to prepare. In the event an Operator Training Program is cancelled we can't notify you if you haven't pre-registered.

### **On The Charitable Bingo Website [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org)**

Need copies of forms, information about upcoming Operator Training Programs? Want to register for an Operator Training Program? Want to know when the Bingo Advisory Committee will be held? Would you like to read the minutes from the Bingo Advisory Committee meetings? Want to check out Charitable Bingo news alerts? You can do all of these things and more on-line - so visit us in cyberspace at [www.txbingo.org](http://www.txbingo.org).